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BYRNE RESIGNS

The event of the week in State political circles has been the resignation of William M. Byrne as United States District Attorney. Originally appointed on the recommendation of Colonel duPont as a Regular Republican, uncompromising in his antagonism to Addicks, he surprised all his friends by his sudden "flop" in 1902 when he accepted the Union Republican nomination for Congress for the avowed purpose of defeating Dr. L. H. Ball for reelection. After the election the President re-appointed Mr. Byrne as District Attorney (he having resigned when nominated for Congress) giving as his reason, his personal friendship for Mr. Byrne. A strong fight was made in the Senate against his confirmation, led by Senator Hoar and others who could not agree to reward a party wrecker in this way.

It is probable that Mr. Byrne would like to believe that his resignation is due to personal reasons and to his announced intention of leaving the State. But it is more probable that he found that subserviency to Addicks which is demanded of all his followers, to be irksome. His attempted revolt over the attack made on the Judiciary was met with the statement from headquarters, that he talked too much. Like many other men who have changed front or gone over to the enemy, he has not found the bed or the company pleasant.

For Mr. Byrne personally we have the highest regard and feel proud to claim him as a friend. None will regret his departure from Delaware more. But for Mr. Byrne as the one man responsible for the election of Henry A. Houston as a Democratic Congressman from this state, we have feelings of an entirely different character. We regretted his step at the time and regret it now. We said that he would regret and we feel sure he does.

OUR ATTITUDE ON PANAMA

The Bogota Government may stew and plot and scheme as much as it pleases over the Panama Canal treaty, but the Government of the United States ought to remain, and doubtless will remain, perfectly calm, self-contained, unmoved and determined.

Diplomacy cannot badly state the motives and objects of the performances at Bogota. But general American sentiment is under no such decorous reserve. If the plotters at the Colombian capital suppose that their purposes in failing to ratify the Hay-Herran treaty and in dallying with the canal question are not entirely understood, they greatly deceive themselves. Their aim is fully comprehended at Washington and throughout the country, as painlessly as if they carried their pocket on their sleeve.

But neither the Government nor the people of the United States are in any humor to submit to a hold-up. The treaty is liberal in its terms to Colombia. It is made in a fair and generous spirit. It provides for paying all that ought to be paid.

Having gone to the full length of fairness, the United States can neither be blackmailed nor bullied nor wheedled. We have granted all that is reasonable, and there we can afford to rest for the present. If the schemers at Bogota have designs of their own, our policy may well be to await events. We should make them understand that our hand cannot be forced, and that we shall deal with the question in the manner that befits a great nation.

One element of such an attitude is to bear no part in any internal difficulties. If Panama resents and resists the false and suicidal policy of the Colombian Government, that is natural. If she carries the assertion of her interests to the point of revolution, that is her own lookout. The United States cannot be a party to any internal conflict of a foreign nation. We may be sure that our Government will hold a circumspect and correct attitude. If such a conflict comes and it changes the relations, we can deal with the situation as we find it. We can well leave the Bogota plotted to the just resent-

ment of their own outraged people; but we cannot foment or encourage hostile action.

"Yet we are not doomed to barren results or to interminable delay. It is probable that when the conspirators who are holding up the treaty for their own purposes find they cannot coerce the United States they will accept the treaty in substance, if not in form, and make the best out of it they can for themselves, but if they should be so blind as to persist in their refusal, means consistent with the dignity and honor of a great nation may be found for solving the problem. We are not engaged in the canal project for the United States alone. We are proposing to build it for the commerce of the world. This waterway has become a necessity, and such a world improvement cannot long be halted by the selfish purposes of a few men who are false to the interests of their own land. There are rights of civilization which override all others.—*Philadelphia Press.*

ODESSA

Miss Sallie Huggins of Middletown, visited friends in town this week.

Mr. Albert Posey, of Wilmington, was the guest of friends in town on Sunday.

Mrs. India Andrews, of Wilmington, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Theodore Long.

Mrs. H. V. Woodall is spending a few days this week with her mother in Still Pond.

Mrs. William Huffington who has been quite sick is not much better at this writing.

Miss Frances Aspril left for West Chester Monday when she will attend the State Normal School.

The steamer "Nellie" from Bridgeton, N. J., arrived here Wednesday morning with a load of phosphate.

Mrs. M. Gremminger entertained Mrs. Glen, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. L. D. Ernest, of Delanco, N. J., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis and son, of Middletown, spent Monday with their parents, Mr. H. Vandegrift and wife.

After spending two weeks with relatives in town Miss Bessie Cattee returned to her home in Wilmington on Monday.

Mr. Edmund S. Stevens, of Scranton, Pa., visited his mother, Mrs. E. S. Stevens, from Saturday until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Krumm and daughters, Misses Katie and Clara, and son Elwood, returned to their home in Philadelphia Wednesday after spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. John Heldmeyer.

Miss Burdette Rose entertained Miss Ella Rose, of Atlantic City; Miss Lida Rose, of Philadelphia; Miss Shiver, of Newark, and Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, from Saturday until Monday.

ST. GEORGES

N. J. Gray was in Middletown on Tuesday.

The public schools will open on Monday, September 14th.

William Rhoads, of Odessa, visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mrs. Grow, of Chester, Pa., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Laura Jones.

Miss Violet Gray has returned from a visit with relatives at Maryland.

The Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church resumed its session on Sunday.

Miss Mattie McGahey and friend visited John Jester and family on Sunday.

Frances Stuckert is at home after an enjoyable visit with Baltimore relatives.

J. C. Stuckert and wife are entertaining Mr. Edwards and family, of Baltimore, Md.

Miss Sarah Cruikshank and brother Lewis, are visiting their parents, T. C. Cruikshank and wife.

Mrs. Frank Price and daughter Elsie, of Philadelphia, have been spending sometime with Mrs. John D. Boulden.

Misses Desdemona Boulden and Mamie Pierce have returned from spending sometime with Miss Mary Money, of Townsend.

An exciting game of base ball was played here between Cecilton and Townsend on Monday afternoon. Eleven innings were played. Score 8 to 8.

BOHEMIA MANOR

Mrs. I. M. Deane spent Friday in Elkton.

Mrs. E. Biggs and three children, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. William Bryson.

Our schools reopened on Monday for another scholastic year. The attendance is good.

Mrs. Harry Jones spent part of this week with her mother, Mrs. Kathryne Lorraine, in Chesapeake City.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Presser and son Clifford, of Philadelphia, were entertained at "Shady Lawn" over Sunday.

Mrs. Annie B. Berry and daughter, Miss Florence, are the guests of Mrs. Jones, at Kennedyville.

Misses Ethel and Mabel Hibbett, of Philadelphia, and Miss Elizabeth Swing, of Town Point, were entertained on Monday by Miss Effie Berry.

Mr. John J. Williams will leave on Monday morning for West Chester, where he will again take up his duties at the State Normal School.

MURDERED AT CAMP

John Dickson shot and killed Thomas Green, aged 23, at St. Paul's M. E. colored campmeeting, near Dover, Sunday night. After the shooting Dickson escaped. Sheriff Melvin is searching for the fugitive. The coroner has taken charge of Green's body. Attorney-General H. Ward has been notified. The shooting was the result of an altercation between the two men who have been bad friends for sometime. After some words Dickson drew his revolver and fired at Green who fell mortally wounded. He died in a short time. Flourishing his revolver and threatening to shoot any one who came near him the murderer backed to the road and struck across the fields.

TOWNSEND

Mr. Horace Harman visited Wilmington Saturday.

Rev. G. P. Jones, of Wilmington, spent Monday in town.

Mr. Isaac Davis and family moved to Middletown Monday.

Mr. Walter Pratt, of Clayton, is visiting Mrs. Emma Finley.

Mr. Yardley Taylor is visiting Mr. John F. Staats near town.

Miss Bertha Motheral, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. I. Pritchard.

Mr. Donovan, of Houston, is visiting Mr. Sutton are worthy of mention.

Readers of St. Georges, will meet at the home of Mrs. John Crampton next Monday evening. All are invited to attend.

Thomas Swan and family entertained during the early part of this week, Mrs. Marcy Miss Edna Marcy and Mr. Burris, of Red Lion, and Thomas Slack, of Bowerville.

The service of song held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening was unusually fine. The solo by Mrs. J. R. Milligan, Mrs. Margaret Reybold, and the duets by Misses Daisy Clark and Florence Jamison and Ralph Clark, and Fred G. Sutton are worthy of mention.

WARRICK

Miss Minnie Smith is sojourning in New Jersey.

Mrs. Jennie Goldsborough is still confined to her room.

Mrs. Atkinson, of Bryn Mawr, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Holden.

Mr. Harry Manlove, of Centerville, Md., spent Sunday with his mother near town.

Mrs. George Lloyd and daughter, Mrs. Charles Vinyard, of near Townsend, were the guests of Mrs. William L. Vinyard, last Sunday.

Mr. Verena L. Vinyard was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Uriel P. Ginn, last Sunday.

Miss Daisy D. Day was entertained at the home of Mrs. J. R. H. Price part of last week.

Charles Holden has opened his business with oysters, making his first trip this week.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society held a business meeting at the church last Sunday.

Miss Helen Eaton has returned home after spending sometime in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

For detailed information, write H. A. MILLER, T. P. A., Wilmington, Del.

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Menagerie, Hippodrome and Wild West.

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MIDDLETON Rain or Shine

TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, SEPT. 15

MALE AND FEMALE CARRYING ACT, THE PERSONIFICATION OF GRACE AND DARING.

See Nero, Earth's Only Riding Lion!

See The Marvelous 65-Horse Act!

See Roger, our Huge Elephant, weighs 8 tons and over 12 feet high.

In striking contrast to this monstrous mountain of flesh, bone and ivory are BABY BELLE, INFANT ELEPHANT. Most diminutive animal in all the world, being only 3 feet tall.

See the LITTER OF LION CUBS, Born August 8th in Vermont, as playful as kittens.

See the Thrilling, nerve-trying, jockey, hurdle and chariot races and our huge Roman hippodrome.

More all-star, exclusive feature acts than are to be seen in all other shows combined.

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Two Performances daily, 2 and 8 o'clock P. M. Doors Open 1 and 7 o'clock P. M. Cheap. Excursions on all railroads.

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REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE

New Castle County, Del., August 15, 1903

Upon the application of John H. Lester, Executor of Henry S. Lester, late of Red Lion, Pa., deceased, it is hereby certified that it is so registered in the Register of Wills that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of letters of administration on the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within four weeks in the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having debts due to the deceased to present the same, duly attested, to the Register of Wills on or before the 15th day of August, 1903, or abate by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided: and also cause the same to be published in the *Middletown Transcript*, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued for six months.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the fifteenth day of August, 1903, for the administration of the estate of the deceased, requiring all persons having debts due to the deceased to present the same, duly attested, to the Register of Wills on or before the 15th day of August, 1903, or abate by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

JOHN H. LESTER, Executor.

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TrainLeave Middletown as Follows:
North Bound—3:30, 7:52, 9:28 and 10:27 a. m.;
4:45 and 6:00 p. m.
South Bound—12:49, 9:31, 9:21 and 11:40 a. m.;
3:56, 4:14 and 7:55 p. m.

Mail is Close as Follows.

Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 2:50 p. m.,
5:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8:10 a. m., 2:50 p. m., and 9 a. m.
For Newark—10:05 a. m., 11:40 a. m., 5:45 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earville and Sussex—9:40 a. m.

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Local News.

Deviled Crabs at JONES & BRADLEY'S
Crab meat by the quart at JONES & BRADLEY'S

Try Huber's Steamed Bread. For
sale by JONES & BRADLEY.

Delicious Ice Cream Soda, at
PEARSON'S PHARMACY.

For a plate of good Ice Cream or Ice
Cream Soda go to WORKMAN'S, Odessa, Del.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist,
office Southeast corner of Main and Scott
streets.

For a Bicycle or Phonograph go to
WORKMAN'S, Odessa, Del.

Huber's Steamed Bread at
JONES & BRADLEY'S.

For anything in the fruit line go to
WORKMAN'S, Odessa, Del.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F.
INGRAM'S.

FIRST CLASS washing and ironing
done by Mrs. Mary E. Hill, West Green
street.

Every parent with boys or girls to
educate should read the new catalogue
of Goldey College.

FOR SALE—A good young saddle
back, well broken, for want of use. Ap-
ply to J. C. PARKER.

Until further notice the Middletown
Public Library will be open on Tuesday
evenings, from 7 to 8:30; Saturday after-
noons, from 4 to 5; Saturday evenings,
from 7 to 8:30.

Miss Lily H. Dodge who has been en-
joying a vacation in Massachusetts is
expected home next Monday. She will
rejoin her private school for young
children on September 21st.

The English sparrow seems to have a
special dislike for the blue bird, in con-
sequence the spiteful little rascals have
driven away the harmless and peaceful
blue birds to such an extent that it is
seldom that one is seen.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list
of letters remain unclaimed in the post
office for the week ending September 3d:
Miss Addie Holben, Mrs. Lizzie Jefferson,
Mrs. Sallie Martin, Miss Mary L. Shiner,
George Brown, Arthur Gaskins, Wm. T.
Jones, Richard Perkins, Chas. H. Ped-
den (dead letter).

Mr. Walter W. Akin has leased the
National Hotel in this town and took
possession of that well known hotel on
Monday. Mr. Akin conducted the How-
ard House in Elton, Md., for several years
and was very popular with the people of
that town and the travelling public, and
he will no doubt meet with the same suc-
cess here that he did in the Maryland
town.

The summer days are passing all too
quickly. Evidence marking the ap-
proach of autumn are everywhere about us.
The shortening days, the perfection
wrought in all the weeks of nature, the
"sere and yellow leaf" on bush and tree,
the stable fields, the ripening fruit, and
last but by no means least, the reappearance
of the luscious oyster on the bill of
fare, all remind us that summer is wan-
ing and the year beginning to grow old.

While coming down stairs at the resi-
dence of Mr. W. B. Kates Friday morn-
ing, Miss Emma Brown made a misstep
and fell heavily to the bottom of the
stairs, a distance of several feet. Dr.
Chas. A. Ritchie was summoned, and
after making an examination found one
of the bones in the right wrist had been
fractured. Miss Brown suffered much
pain from the fracture, and it will be sev-
eral days before she will be able to use
her hand.

While driving along the road leading
from Middletown to Townsend Thursday
morning, Mr. Henry Neff's team became
frightened and ran away, demolishing
the wagon and throwing Mr. Neff out
and the wagon passed over his body.
His son, Master Nelson, was in the
wagon, but was not thrown out as the
horses broke loose from the vehicle
shortly after Mr. Neff was thrown out.
Mr. Neff was considerably bruised, but
fortunately had no bones broken.

The Messrs. Burns, of New York City,
attracted much attention on our streets
on Monday with their 20-horse power
automobile. The machine was the larg-
est and most complete ever seen in this
section, and was quite a curiosity to
many of our people. The Messrs. Burns
formerly resided at Fredericksburg, Md.,
and the remains of their father, the late
Capt. Burns rest in Bohemia Cemetery
near Warwick, Md. They were en route
for Baltimore, and after making a stop
in this town and in Fredericksburg, Md.,
proceeded on their journey.

The "American Grocer" in his survey
of the canned goods field says high prices
and a limited supply of canned corn
seem inevitable. The supply for 1903
will likely be far below positive require-
ment even if packing is prolonged to a
later date than usual. Stocks left over
the past season have been exhausted.
The tomato situation favors a strong and
rising market, although the acreage is
greater and a larger output is expected.
There is, undoubtedly, a large carry-over
of tomatoes, but generally of indifferent
quality. Better quality and more solid
contents will be quickly absorbed as
there promises to be a growing demand
for good quality goods.

Mr. Weisbach, representing the Weil
Ha-kell, Co., of New York, was in town
on Thursday, and informed us that the
shirt factory will positively resume oper-
ation on Tuesday next, September 15th.
They will be glad to see all of the old
operators at their posts on Tuesday morn-
ing, and guarantee good work to good
operators. This will be very gratifying
news to the people of Middletown, and
especially to those who were employed
in the factory under the old manage-
ment, as they will all be welcomed back
by the new firm. Mr. Enoch G. Allée
will be general manager, and his many
years of experience in the shirt business
will be a great help to him in his new
field.

According to the latest estimates, the
apple crop of this year will amount to
48,000,000 barrels, or more than half a
barrel for every man, woman and child
in the country.

The Misses Bertie and Louise Cochran,
of near town, gave a dance on Monday
evening in honor of their guest, Miss
Everhart, of Everson, Pa., and we are
informed that it was quite a success.

Mr. S. E. Lewis had his arm badly
scalded at the Middletown Farms Cream-
ery last Sunday morning by escaping
steam, and although the injury was a
painful one, Mr. Lewis was not com-
pelled to give up work, and at this time
is improving slowly.

Mr. John L. Byron met with a painful
accident while at work at the wheel-
wright shop of Mr. John C. Green last
Friday afternoon. While using the cir-
cular saw, his thumb and index finger of
the right hand came in contact with it,
and almost severed the end of the thumb.
Dr. C. A. Ritchie dressed the wound, and
the patient is improving, but it may be
several days before he will be able to
return to work.

After being in operation a few weeks,
the Middletown & Odessa electric rail-
way demonstrates the fact that electric
railways between the smaller towns are
paying investments. The expectations
of the promoters, have been more than
realized in the amount of business given
the new road, and it seems to be a mat-
ter of but a short time before the num-
ber of cars must be increased. The pres-
ent schedule allows cars to leave Middle-
town on the hour and Odessa on the half
hour. There have been numerous trolley
parties over the line, and scarcely a week
goes by that several hundred people do
not take the trip from one town to the
other, and often the people from the coun-
try form a large quota of the passen-
gers.

Norman Gill has proved a genius in
rigging on his bicycle a seat for his dog,
and they always go out together. It is
not an uncommon sight on the streets to
see the dog sedately perched on his seat
at the rear of the bicycle, and to see him
balance as the wheel careers in turning
corners. The extra seat is attached to
the rear forks, and is securely braced for
the dog, which is of medium size. On
Wednesday, however, a mishap occurred
that did not enter into the calculations of
Norman. While the pet dog made a
perch on his seat a dash for him and pulled him into the street. They fought furiously for awhile
and Norman's dog emerged a victor from
the contest. Then he ran pell-mell after
the bicycle, and hopped up on his roost
as if nothing had happened.

The large number of young people who
assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
J. R. Brown on Crawford street, Friday
evening of last week, in honor of the 21st
birthday of their son Elwood, spent a
most delightful evening. Among those
present were: Miss Emma B. Eccles, of
Odessa; Misses Annie C. Rattledge and
Bessie Catts, of Wilmington; Miss Eva
Derringer, of Plainfield, N. J.; Misses
Edith and Frances Mabrey, of Philadel-
phia; Mr. James J. Brown, Jr., of Town-
send; Messrs. Walter H. Dance and H.
Clifton Mabrey, of Philadelphia; Mr.
Walter Crumpton, of Mt. Pleasant, and
Mr. and Mrs. J. Harper Lynam, of near
Smyrna; Miss Edith D. Wilson, Hattie
R. Cullen, Daisy Scott, May Kumpel,
Doris Evans, Mary R. Brown and Mrs. J.
M. Foster, Messrs. Charles Montgomery,
Harry H. Hall, Oscar T. Whittle, Earle
Goldsbrough, Arthur Evans, Elwood
Denny and Mr. and Mrs. Robert D.
Ratledge and son Robert, of Middletown.

Mr. Andrew K. Armstrong, of Philadel-
phia, was the guest of friends in town
Thursday.

Mr. Samuel Burstan, of Philadelphia,
is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
S. Burstan.

Miss Mary Gill returned last evening
from a visit with Miss Estella Chandler,
in Stanton.

Master Milton Graves, of Townsend, is
visiting his aunt, Mrs. W. C. Eliason, on
Crawford street.

Miss Everhart, of Everson, Pa., is the
guest of Misses Bertie and Louise Coch-
ran, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shanon, of Wil-
mington, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J.
Eliason on Sunday.

Miss Anna Bryon and daughter Eva,
of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. and
Mrs. John L. Byron.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias S. Brown, of Mul-
holland, N. J., are the guests of their aunts,
Mrs. Sarah B. Kates.

Miss Carrie Walthers, of Wilmington,
was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. M.
Matthews over Sunday.

Mr. John McWhorter, of Norfolk, Va.,
was the guest of his brother, Mr. J. F.
McWhorter, this week.

Mrs. George S. Richards and daughter
Miss Mary Lizzie, are visiting relatives
and friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harold Green, of Philadelphia, is
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COUSIN PAUL . . .

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The girl had grown sceptical concerning Bertie's promises, but she had agreed to ask Mr. Grey to advance the necessary amount. She had sent away one of her servants, reduced the household expenses as much as possible, and hoped by the end of the half year to repay the money. She was earning a little; being a brilliant pianist, she had, through the recommendation of her old master, obtained many engagements to play at concerts and private dances. Now and again she met some old acquaintances among the guests of her employers. But she learned to ignore the half-doubting recognition which was bestowed upon her, and to laugh at herself for feeling a little hurt and annoyed when some girl with whom she had been on intimate terms passed her with a cold surprised stare. She had dropped out of their world altogether, she told herself.

That evening she was engaged to play at a Cinderella dance given by Lady West, who had a grand house in Kensington. She looked very handsome and distinguished in her black lace dress with a bunch of crimson and white chrysanthemums in her breast. She wore very few ornaments—jewelry for a girl in her position was bad form, Hilda thought—only a broad band of gold round her right arm and a thin gold chain round her throat. The jewels which Paul had sent to her were safely locked up in her dressing-case. She had never worn them, but she would not insult him by sending them back, and now and again she would take them out and look at them with regretful eyes. They will be useful some day to send as a wedding present to his wife, she thought.

Paul had called twice to see them in their London home, but on each occasion Hilda had contrived to be absent; he had felt hurt and angry at her persistent avoidance of him and had ceased visiting. But he still wrote occasionally to Mrs. Sullivan, and once a week a hamper, containing vegetables, fruit, and flowers was sent from the Hall to Hornsey. The chrysanthemums which Hilda wore in her dress were from the conservatory of her old home. They made a bright spot of color against her sombre dress, and Mrs. Sullivan gazed at her admiringly.

You look very well to-night, Hilda, she remarked. You have more color than usual, and your eyes are brighter. I wish you were going to dance at the party, instead of

Piping to others! And Hilda gave a forced laugh as she took up her fur cloak and drew the hood carefully over her head and fastened up the train of her dress. My old gown is getting very shabby, mother; I wonder when I shall be able to afford a new one? Goodbye! Don't worry and think something dreadful has happened to me if I am late.

It was a very frosty night, and although the girl's cloak was warm and she wore fur-lined gloves, she felt the cold keenly during the long ride to Kensington. She was shown into a large handsome apartment brilliantly lighted with wax candles. Hilda was glad to see that a bright fire was burning at the further end of the room, for her fingers were almost numb with cold, and she drew off her gloves and held her hands to the blaze.

The violinist who was to accompany her entered shortly afterwards. He was a young Italian, of good birth, handsome, and accomplished, but very poor.

Hilda and he often played together, and she was occasionally much amused at the airs he gave himself and the supreme contempt he entertained for his employers and their guests. He greatly admired Miss Sullivan and had often hinted that he would like to make her mother's acquaintance and be asked to the house; but Hilda had resolutely ignored his request.

They stood talking together by the fire until a rustle of dresses and the sound of voices in the hall warned them that the guests were about to enter. Hilda hastily took her seat at the piano and commenced to arrange her music. She rarely took much interest in the people for whom she played; but that evening it happened that the instrument was placed in a corner of the room almost opposite to the door and, without turning her head,

You must make a good supper—I feel sure you are tired, he said.

Almost for the first time in her life Hilda felt embarrassed and nervous—as if she dared not raise her eyes to his lest they should betray the new sweet happiness which all at once had flowed into her heart. She was conscious, too—although no words had passed between them—that he knew that her pride had broken down, and that the victory was his at last. The light in his eyes and the smile of quiet triumph on his lips told her this, and she scarcely knew whether to be glad or sorry.

I must go back—Miss West will be tired, she declared at last and rose. Paul offered her his arm in silence and escorted her back to the ball room.

The evening was over at last, and Hilda—who had slipped quietly out of the room while her whitened, with a string of pearls round her throat, and a bouquet of gardenias in her hand, stood Phyllis.

Hilda started, turned very pale and her fingers struck the keys so uncertainly and hurriedly that Signor Ristorio glanced at her in surprise. In another moment she recovered her self-possession; but it was well that the music was so familiar to her, for the lines and notes on the page before her had grown dim and indistinct, and in all the crowded room she could distinguish but two faces—those of Paul and Phyllis. They were standing near the door, and he was smiling and bending over her as he whispered some reassuring words.

Don't be a little goose, Phyllis! You look half scared! he said lightly.

Hilda could not hear the words, but she saw the smile and noticed the grateful look which Phyllis gave in answer, and her heart sank. So this was the end of all his vows of fidelity—of eternal love!

Of course I never expected—I had no right to expect—that it would last, Hilda thought scornfully. But it is a little humiliating to be forgotten for her—to know that that little doll can fill my place! Well, it serves me right, and I only hope that they will not see me.

But, even while the thought crossed her mind, Paul's glance, wandering carelessly round the room, fell on Hilda's face, and she saw—by the sudden flash of light in his eyes and by the delight and surprise in his face—that he had seen and recognized her. She realized too—she could read Paul's face so well, and what exquisite delight it caused her—that the old love was still as strong as ever. He might be engaged to Phyllis, but he was still faithful to that.

The sudden revulsion of feeling—the change from dull despair to exquisite happiness—was almost more than Hilda could bear. She turned sick and giddy; the color left her face; and her hands fell on the piano with a loud crash. In an instant however she recovered herself, and although her fingers trembled violently she contrived to finish the dance. As she struck the last bar she looked up and saw that Paul was standing by her side. He looked pale and excited, but very handsome and happy, she thought—just as he used to look in the old days when she had challenged him to some trial of skill, and he had beaten her. He held out his hand to her.

He look quite exhausted, Hilda. Let me take you to have some refreshment, he said, in a quiet authoritative manner.

She smiled but shook her head. I am not one of the guests, Sir Paul—I cannot leave me post, she reminded him.

Nonsense! I told Lady West that you were my cousin, and she has promised to send her daughter to take your place for a time, Paul replied, in his imperative tone. Come at once!

Signor Ristorio looked anything but delighted when Miss West came forward, and with a few pleasant words sent Hilda away from the piano. He disliked amateur musicians, and he still more strongly disapproved of the cool manner in which the tall handsome Englishman drew Hilda's hand through his arm and led her away.

The supper room was not yet open, but there was a small apartment where refreshments—wine, ices, tea and coffee—were served, and there Paul took Hilda. He found her a comfortable seat in a corner, and, after a whispered colloquy with one of the footmen, some cold pheasant and a tumbler of champagne were brought her. Paul stood by her side talking while she partook of them.

He paused and looked at her with eager eyes, and Hilda colored vividly. She would not meet

his ardent gaze lest he should read in her own bright eyes the happiness which the words had called there, and win too easy a victory. There was a touch of her old coquetry in her voice as she said demurely—

Until you marry Phyllis, I suppose? I saw in the papers that the wedding would be soon.

Did you believe it? Paul asked quietly. Nay—as she murmured some evasive answer—answer me truly—you were always truthful, Hilda—did you believe it? Ah, you cannot look me in the face and say you did, he added triumphantly. Part of the news is true—Phyllis is going to be married shortly; but it is to young Marsden—not to me. He lives at Hazel Farm, and little Phyllis will be much happier there as its mistress than she would ever be at Durnford Hall. Yes, I shall wait until the wedding is over, and then start off on my travels again. I shall go to America this time I think.

And the Hall will be left without its master again, Hilda said reproachfully. Oh, I am sorry! I hate to think of the dear old house all shut up and deserted, because—

She hesitated, and Paul looked down at her wistfully.

Because its mistress will not come to it, Hilda, he finished.

There was a long silence. The rain was dripping on the roof of the waiting room engine rushed past the station with its lamp flaming in the darkness, and afar off the whistle of the approaching train was heard.

Because you will not come to me, Hilda, Paul amended, and then there was no bitterness in the defeat. She gently slipped her hand into his.

Oh, I will come, if you really want me! she murmured.

What did it matter to Paul and Hilda that the room was damp, dark and dirty—that it smelt of oil and damp clothes, and was generally unpleasant?

They were quite unconscious of it all. They only knew that, hand in hand, they stood at last before the gates of their earthly Eden that already those gates were opening, and that the fair land of promise, where love's roses bloom in fadeless beauty, lay stretched before their eyes.

THE END.

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Perhaps you will tell me now what this new folly means, he demanded, in a cold angry voice—and why you have chosen to assume the role of professional pianist? It can scarcely be for pleasure—it cannot be from necessity, for I have been assured again and again, by both your mother and yourself, that your income is amply sufficient for your wants. If not—

But it is—at least it would be if—Hilda paused.

If what?

If it were not for Bertie, she answered, in a low tone and with downcast eyes.

The girl had intended to evade the question, but Paul's stern eyes were fixed on her face and forced the truth from her against her will.

He is extravagant; he is deeply in debt, and I could not—I would not after all you have done for us—allow your generosity to be taxed any further. And it is not so very disagreeable after all—indeed, I feel quite proud to think that I can add my living so easily, Hilda added, with a forced smile.

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